# The Steps through an Aviation Project

For those new to aviation contracts or those who want a reminder

## Who is involved?



= <u>Sponsor</u>

Other names could be The Airport, Locals, the Airport Board, or Local Authority



= The State

AKA MDOT, the State of Michigan, Aeronautics, or the Office of Aeronautics



= Consultant

They may also answer to their official company name



= Contractor

Cleverly called the contractor



= MAC

The Michigan Aeronautics Commission They don't really look or act like this

## What is a project?

Project = Anything using Federal or State money

#### **Examples:**

Design

Construction

**Equipment Purchase** 

**ALP Update** 

**Land Purchase** 

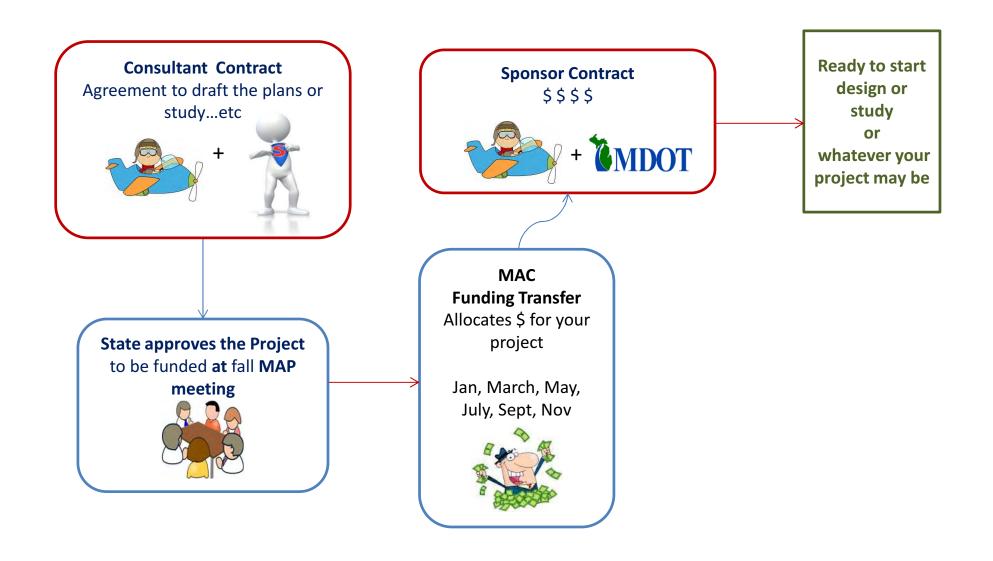
**User Survey** 

**Environmental Review** 

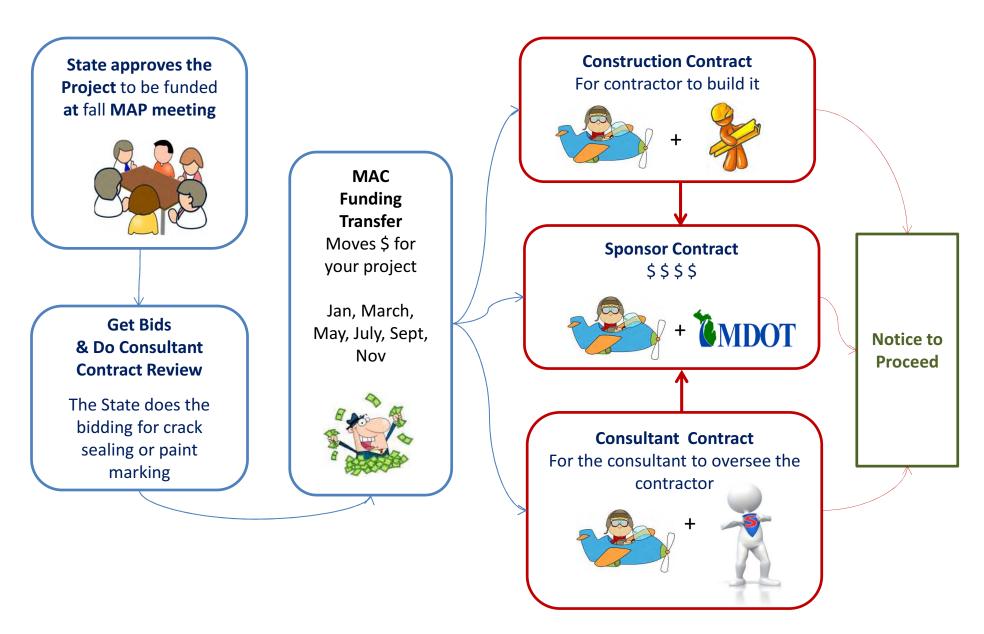
**Noise Study** 

Wildlife Hazard Assessment

# How do I get a Non-Construction project going?



### How do I get a Construction project going?



### What are the Contracts?



- Signed by the Sponsor and the Contractor
- Has the cost of construction and the time it will take to finish project
- The consultant often assists with this contract



- Signed by the Sponsor and MDOT
- Some call it a Grant Agreement or Grant Assurance
- It's the money contract
- A Signed Resolution from the local authority must be included
- Has project costs listed toward the end of the document
- Has many Federal and State "grant assurances" that you agree to follow by signing it.



- Signed by the Sponsor and the Consultant
- Sponsor reviews it for scope and fee
- Your State PM often assists with the review

#### Wait, who does what when?

(From design through construction)

Bid process begins

#### **START**

MAP meeting conversation decides what project happens & when



Consultant starts & finishes design

Sponsor Contract
Signed

Design Contract
Signed with
Consultant

Aero Project
Manager tells the
Commission how
much to transfer



Usually another transfer is done for Construction money



Construction Contract
Construction Consultant Contract
Sponsor Contract
Get Signed

Notice to
Proceed
For
Construction

design contract from Consultant. Contract is reviewed for scope and fee.

Once approved, the Aero Project Manager will email the Airport.

**Airport and Aero Project Manager receive** 

### Who do I call?



The State Project Manager or Your Consultant

- Both will help get you in the right direction.

Also check...

Do I have paperwork with a cover letter?

It may have directions or a contact name

Does your 5 year plan tell you what you want to know?

Local match amount, funding year, project description



#### Snippets of Random Info:

- MAP meeting (Aug-Dec) Scheduled by the State (Block grant sites) or FAA (Primary sites) after the Sponsor sends in a 5 year plan of projects. This is found online in AeroPM. We discuss the ALP, pavement life, previous projects and open grants, Airport inspection notes, upcoming projects and how much money you have.
- Some Land and Environmental projects are specialized so you may need to hire additional people. Ask the State or your Consultant your questions early and often on these projects.
- The Airport needs the desktop program ProjectWise to approve invoices. Your Aeronautics project manager can help you with this.